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SUBJECT: ATTESTATION FOR SNTA

1. DIBRELL BROTHERS INC. OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA RECENTLY NEGOTIATED A CONTRACT TO SELL TOBACCO TO SNTA. SNTA HAS FORWARDED DIBRELL A STANDARD ATTESTATION FORM STATING THAT NO AGENT OR OTHER INTERMEDIARY RECEIVED MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT. SNTA INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT THE ATTESTATION MUST BE SIGNED BY AN APPROPRIATE COMPANY OFFICIAL AND ENDORSED BY HIS CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN ALGERIA.

2. SINCE DIBRELL NEGOTIATED ITS CONTRACT IN THE U.S. AND HAS NO REPRESENTATIVE IN ALGERIA FULFILLMENT OF THE CONDITIONS AS STATED IS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS A DIBRELL OFFICIAL MAKES A SPECIAL TRIP TO ALGIERS. WE ADVISED DIBRELL TO EXPLAIN THIS SITUATION TO SNTA AND INQUIRE WHETHER ENDORSEMENT BY AUTHENTIFICATIONS OFFICE IN STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT. RESPONSE JUST RECEIVED FROM SNTA (A MR. M. S. BENTCHICOU) IS THAT THIS NOT POSSIBLE. SNTA INSISTS THAT ATTESTATION MUST BE ENDORSED BY CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN ALGERIA.

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3. THIS IS CLEARLY AN UNREASONABLE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE

CIRCUMSTANCES. CAN EMBASSY OFFER ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR
RESOLVING MATTER SHORT OF DIBRELL DISPATCHING SOMEONE TO
ALGIERS? KISSINGER

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